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Docket No.: 1313/1F022-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Roger Bruce HARDING et al.

Serial No.: 09/557,804

Examiner: E. White

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For: **CELLULOSE ETHERS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME**

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In order to comply with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, attached hereto is a copy of Form PTO-1449 and copies of the documents listed thereon. All of these documents were first cited in foreign applications not more than three months ago.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing Form PTO-1449 next to the document. Such initialing is requested even if the Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

These references (with the exception of U.S. Patent No. 5,140,099) were cited in a Search Report dated April 24, 2002 in PCT Application No. PCT/US01/45482 (a copy of which is enclosed) and a Written Opinion dated May 24, 2002 in PCT Application No. PCT/US00/11283. U.S. Patent No. 5,140,099 is a U.S. counterpart to Japanese Patent Publication No. 403002201.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, but the citation of such document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner, in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art

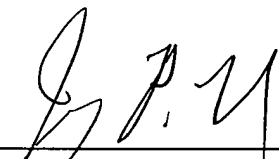
consistent with 37 CFR 1.104(a) and 1.106(b) and, in the course of each search, will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form even if not initialed.

It is believed that no fee is due. However, if the Commissioner determines that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above deposit account for any deficiency.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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